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THE PROCEEDINGS

AT THE
Assizes of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer,
and General Goal-Delivery

FOR THE
County of SURRY

Held at
CROYDON

On the 18th Year of His Majesty's King
the 18th Year of His Majesty's King

Before
The Assizes

Witnessed
Worshipful Peter Thompson, Esq.

High-Sheriff of the County of SURRY

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1791

The Proceedings at Croydon Assizes, 8th Nov.

BEFORE the Judge, assigned to take all Assizes, Certificates, Jurors, &c. And also his Majesty's Justices of Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol Delivery for the County of SURRY.

None of the Prisoners were indicted, but the Prisoners were chiefly tried by the twelve following Gentlemen.

John Draper	James Killick
William Stewart	John Asker
Thomas Spencer	Daniel Perry
Richard Inwood	Edward Giles
Richard King	John Collier
Thomas Jenner	Joseph Allen

John Draper and William Stewart, were indicted for assaulting *Thomas White* on the Highway, putting him in corporal Fear, and Danger of his Life, and taking from him seven Guineas in Gold, and 23 in Silver, his Property, in the Parish of *St. Martin*, the 27th of *July*.

White (the Prosecutor) deposed, That on the Day mentioned in the Indictment, between Twelve and One at Noon, as he was returning to his own House, the *Crown* House in *Kennington-Lane*, he was

stopp'd by the Prisoners in the Road leading from *Four-hall* to *Wandsworth*. *White* bid him to stop, and took hold of his Horse's Bridle, and *Badham* presented a Pistol, and demanded his Money. He took the Prisoners some Hours after at the *Hanover* and *Heard*.

On *White's* Cross Examination, he own'd, in the Court, that he had never discovered the Robbery, or made any Complaint for six Hours afterwards, and tho' the Prisoners (as he swore) came into his House, yet he did not stop them. — nor could he give the Court any Reason why he did not: — only he pretend- ed, that if they had known that his Horse was stolen, they would not have taken it, and he did not prosecute them for the sake of the Reward, but only for Justice to his King and Country.

There was no other Witness to confirm *White's* Testimony, only a Man named *Thomas*, who was with him at *White's* House at *Seven o'clock* the Day he was robbed.

Both the Prisoners had the Benefit of Counsel of great Reputation to give them a good Character. *Mr. Wharton* had entrusted *Badham*, and always found him honest. *Mrs. Fry* said the same. *Mr. Hayward* (who was in Court on other Business) and not surpris'd by either of

Prisoner gave *Baker* an excellent
ing good Character: And Mr. High
Sheriff deposes, that he believed
Baker was a very honest Man,
and was the last Person he should
suspect of committing a Robbery:
Curtis was very well spoken of: So
the Jury acquitted them: and, at
their Request, a Copy of their In-
dictment was granted them.

*William Cavenagh, Richard
Swift, William Gibbs, Samuel Baker,*
otherwise *Kiddy Baker, Samuel
Smith*, otherwise *Black Sam*, other-
wise *Tung*, were indicted for felo-
niously and burglariously breaking
and entering the Dwelling-House of
Nathan Smith, of the Parish of St.
Savique in *Southwark*, and stealing
thereout eighty Pieces of Irish Lin-
nen, value 290 L . 48 Pieces of Hol-
land value 300 L . 22 Pieces of Lin-
nen, call'd Long-Lawn, value 70 L .
60 Pieces of Cambrick, value 120 L .
eight Dozen of Silk Handkerchiefs,
value 16 L . Six Pieces of Clear Lawn,
value 12 L . four Pieces of Mullin,
value 15 L . four Silver Spoons, value
40 s . one Silver Pepper Box, value
10 s . one Pair of Silver Salts, value
15 s . one Silver Cup, value 3 L . 50
Pieces of Portugal Gold Coin, value
90 L . and 200 Guineas in Gold, va-
lue 315 L . of the proper Money and
Goods of the said *Nathan Smith*, on
the 21st Day of *December* last. And

Eleanor Tung was indicted for fe-
loniously receiving four Silver Spoons
and one Silver Pepper Box, Part of
the said Goods, knowing them to be

stolen, on the 21st Day of *January*
last. To this Indictment *Cavenagh,
Swift, Gibbs, and Tung*, pleaded
Not Guilty, and for their Trial put
themselves on God and their Coun-
try. *Black Sam* and *Baker* are not
yet taken.

To prove this Fact upon the Pri-
soners, there were several Witnesses
examined, the first of whom was
Mrs. *Anne Smith*, Wife of Mr. *Nathan
Smith*, the Prosecutor, who de-
posed, that in the Night, between
the 20th and 21st of last *December*,
between one and two o'Clock in the
Morning, she being then in Bed
in the Chamber up Two Pair of
Stairs forward, a Man came into the
Room, and drew open the Curtains,
the Noise of which awaken'd her.
She always kept a Rush Candle burn-
ing in the Chimney Corner, and by
the Light of it she perceived that the
said Man had a black Grasse over his
Face, so that she could not discover
any Feature thereof: — he had a Han-
ger or Sword in his Hand (she can-
not tell which) and, flourishing it,
cry'd out to her, D—n you, ye
Bitch, get up directly, and show me
where your Money is: or I'll stab
you to the Heart. She was greatly
surprized, and immediately got up
only slipping on one Petticoat and
her Gown. He took the Keys out of
her Pockets from the Chair by the
Bed-side where they lay, and open'd
the Drawers in her Bed Chamber
and took all the Cloaths and Lin-
nen

John Quickell

about the Floor, but did not take
any of them away. He then swore
if he did abate with him, and open
every Lock belonging to those Keys
he would murder her directly. From
her Bed Chamber, they went to the
opposite Room on the same Floor and
in a large Press in the same Room,
he took out two Bags, in which was
the Money mentioned in the Indict-
ment. In one Bag there was 314
and 6 so L Bank Note, and in the
other 200 L which Monies consisted
chiefly of Guinea, Moldorcs, 56 s
Pieces, and Pieces called 1. 12 s
and some Silver; which said Bags he
put into his Coat Pocket, taking her
if that was all. He obliged her to
go down Stairs into the Kitchen, still
threatning to murder her, he hav-
ing the Caden in his Hand, as she
did not leave every Thing of Va-
lue that she had. From out of the
Kitchen and the Dining Room Beav-
er he took a Silver Cup with two
Handles, which hold a Quart and
about half a Pint, a Pair of Silver
Salts, silver Pepper Box, and four
Silver Tea Spoons; after which he
demanded the Key of the Shop-
Door, and of the Apartment in the
Shop which is inclosed by running
Shutters, where the Linnens men-
tioned in the Indictment lay. When
she had delivered the Keys to him,
he forc'd her into the Cellar, and
brought her into the House of Office,
the having pulled on but her Gown
and an Under Petticoat, notwith-

standing the weather was extremely
Cold, and the Cellar damp, so that she
was almost dead. What she remem-
bered in the House of Office, she believed
the Man who first came into her
Room opened the Street Door, and
let in his Accomplices, for she heard
the Trampling of several Feet over
her Head, and People walking back-
ward and forward for several Hours,
till about five or six o'Clock in the
Morning; and in this Time of her
Confinement, she supposed they car-
ried off the Goods. She never made
any Noise all the Time she was in the
Cellar, for fear of losing her Life;
but the Watchman going his Rounds
at Six o'Clock in the Morning, and
knocking at the Door it flew open,
and alarmed her Son John Smith, who
lay in the Garret, and came down,
and released her from her Confine-
ment. On examining the Place
where the Linnens lay, they found
all of them gone.

This was the Substance of the Evi-
dence of Mrs. Smith, who gave her
Testimony in the most clear and dis-
tinct Manner, without the least Hes-
itation. She was cross-examined by
the Council for the Prisoners; and
she answered their Questions in such
a Manner as gave great Satisfaction
to the whole Court.

The next Witness was *Nathan
Smith*, who depos'd:—In the Night,
between the 20th and 21st of De-
cember last, when my House was
robb'd, I was in the Country, and ne-
ver heard any Thing of the Robbery.

will the 1st of December, about 12 at Noon. I was at the Greyhound at *Chesham*, about two Miles from this Town. (*Chesham*) when the News was brought me; for my Custom is to go with a Cart and two Horses every Week 10 or 15 Miles round the Country; and I sell Brailers and Iron Wares, and Linens, and Cambricks. I am seldom at home above two or three Days in a Week. I am sure that the Money, in two Bags, and a 50 *L* Bank Note was in the Dress in the Room on the same Floor, where my Bedchamber is, when I went out of Town. I saw the Money and Note the Saturday before I was robbed. When I came home, I found I had been robbed, and immediately advertised in the News-Papers, and offered a Reward for discovering the Persons concerned; and his Majesty's Free Pardon was promised any of the Parties who should discover his Accomplices. The first Discovery made of my Goods was at the House of one *Black Sam* in *Moor Lane* about the 20 or 30 of *January*. We had Information by one of the Thief-Takers that this *Black Sam* was concerned in the Robbery. So I, with one Mr. *Bignall*, a Timber-Merchant; my Neighbour, and *George Holborn*, went to this House; and when we first came in, there was a young Man blowing the Fire. His Name is *Phillips*; but he is not here; — I should know him again if I saw him. I ask'd him if this was *Black Sam's* House. He said

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it was, but *Sam* was not at home, or his Wife sister; but she would be within presently. When we searched the House, Mr. *Holborn* found four Silver Spoons and a Pepper-Box in a Chest or Box.

Then *George Holborn* was call'd and sworn; and he produced a Paper seal'd up, which contain'd the Spoons and Pepper-Box.

Holborn. These Spoons, and this Pepper-Box, I found at *Black Sam's*. I seal'd them up, and these are the very same which Mr. *Smith* challenge'd as his Property.

Mr. *Smith*. These Spoons I know very well by their Marks. The Spoon was given to a Gentlewoman in *Old-Bridewell*, who is now worth 4, or 5000 *L*. I know them by their Marks; and this Pepper-Box I know is mine and the same that I lost. I never heard, nor could discover who robb'd me, until I was sent for by Sir *Thomas De Witt*, before whom one *Henry Smith* had made an Information, and discover'd the Particulars of the Robbery, and the Persons who were concern'd in it.

John Barker. I am Servant-Maid to Mr. *Smith*. On the 20th of last December at Night I lock'd the Street Door, between 11 and 12 o'Clock at Night, and carried up the Key to my Mistress, and laid it on the Chair by her Bed-Side, as I usually do. — I am sure the Door was fast; for besides the Lock and Bolt, there was a Chain went across it.

John

I was sent to the
 Prosecutor and was in Bed in the
 Garret of my Father's House. The
 Night is very robb'd. — I lay in one
 Room in the Garret with my Bro-
 ther, who is about 12 Years of Age,
 and my other Brother who is about
 eight years old, lay with the Maid.
 I never heard any Noise till about
 6 in the Morning, when the Watch-
 man knock'd at the Door, and call'd,
 and then I came down in my Shirt,
 and went into my Mother's Room
 to light a Candle. I was greatly
 surpriz'd to find the Door of her
 Bed Chamber open, and going to
 look for her in the Bed, found she
 was gone, which made me think
 she was kill'd. I went down to the
 Watchman, crying out, my Mother!
 my Mother! To be sure she is mur-
 der'd. We hearing a Noise in the
 Cellar, I bid the Watchman go
 down first, and I followed him. My
 Mother was hol'd into the House
 of Office. — she had nothing on
 but her Gown and Petticoats. —
 she told me she was robb'd, and ru-
 in'd for ever. She was greatly sur-
 priz'd, and I was so shock'd, that I
 scarce knew what I did. We found
 the Shuttles had been taken down,
 and the Goods gone, the Shelves
 being stripp'd of the best Part of
 every Thing. — *William Hunt*, Watchman. On
 the 21st Day of December last, about
 6 in the Morning, as I was beating
 my Rounds, I knock'd at Mr. Smith's
 Door with my Staff and it flew open.

I call'd out, and presently the
 young Man, Mr. Smith's Son, came
 down in his Shirt, in the greatest
 Agony, crying his Mother was kill'd
 and murder'd. I said, Tell Me,
 be easy. I won't leave you till I see
 her. — We heard a Noise in the
 Cellar, and he went down first, and
 I followed him. The Cellar Door
 was bol'd, and Mrs. Smith was
 bol'd into the Vault, from whence
 we let her out. She had nothing on
 her but her Gown and one Petticoat,
 and neither Shoe or Stockings. —
 she seem'd in a very great Fright. —
 We found the Shuttles which be-
 long to the Apartment in the Shop
 had been all taken down, and the
 best Part of the Goods taken away.
 — *Henry Smith*, who first gave In-
 formation of this Robbery, being
 sworn, the Council for the Prose-
 cutor began to examine him as to
 the Particulars relating to the said
 Robbery. He depos'd, that he had
 been acquainted with *William Gibbs*
 about 3 or 4 Years, with *Richard Swift*
 4 or 5 Years, with *William Car-*
venagh for some Time, with *Black*
Sow about a Year and a half, and
 with *Kiddy Baker* for about 8 or 10
 Years, and that they were all no-
 torious Thieves, that he being press'd
 on board the *Rye* Man of War, he
 came on Shore in the Beginning of
 November last, and about the Middle
 of the same Month as he was going
 along *Kent Street* to one *Burys* to
 fetch some Things that belonged to
 him, he met with *William Car-*
nagh,

saye, who was standing at an Ale-
house Door, opposite the *Three-Tuns-
Tavern* at *St. Margaret's-Hill*, in
Saltmarket; that he went over to
the said *Cavenagh*, who informed
him, that he had a Trial to come
on that Day in the *Marshall's-
Court* with one *Collet*, who had sued
him for some Money, and as he
knew how Affairs stood between
them, he desired him to be a *Wit-
ness* for him, which he agreed to.
After the Trial was over, He, *Smith*,
Gibbs, *Cavenagh*, Mr. *Bell* and his
Wife, Mrs. *Mathews*, and several
others (who had been to hear the
Trial) drank some hot Wine in the
Marshall's-Prison. Mr. *Mathews*,
his Wife, and Mrs. *Bell* went into
a Coach at *St. Margaret's-Hill* and
drove home; but He, *Smith*, *Ca-
venagh* and *Gibbs* went to the *Three-
Tuns-Tavern*, and drank more Wine.

Note, The Evidence of *Smith*,
as here related, are the Answers
which he gave to the Questions
ask'd him by the Council for the
Prosecution. — He would answer
them no further than coming to the
Three-Tuns-Tavern at *St. Margaret's-
Hill*. — When they were about
to ask him the Particulars relating
to their consulting the Robbery and
committing it; he said, let me go on;
I can speak better without Council;
and began as follows, after hesitating
for some Time.

Smith. Am I upon my Oath,
my Lord?

Court. To be sure you are.

You must know that you have been
sworn.

Smith. Then I will tell the
Truth. — I know nothing of the
Robbery. — The Prisoners are all
innocent; and the Information I
made is wrong. I was persuaded to
it by *W. H.*, a Thief-Catcher,
who came to see me whilst I was in
Prison for an Assault, and he told
me he was sorry to hear that there
would be two Warrants of Deceit
lodg'd against me, one for robbing
a Woman in *Tonley-Street*, and the
other for robbing Mr. *Smith* in the
Borough. He said the Woman that
was robb'd in *Tonley-Street* knew me,
and Mrs. *Smith* could swear to me,
and I had better make myself an
Evidence and discover my Accomplices,
and save my own Life. I
desired to be carried before Sir *Thomas
De Veil*, and there I made a
Discovery of some Robberies formerly
committed by me and others;
but these were not sufficient.
H. — came to me a second Time
and told me that I had done nothing
at all, and that I must discover
Smith's Robbery, or I should not be
solv'd. I then went a second Time
before Sir *Thomas*, and made an
Information of that Robbery, but
it is not true.

Court. Was you not sober at that
Time?

Smith. Yes, I was very sober.
Then the Information of *Henry
Smith* (or so much thereof as relating
to the robbing of Mr. *Smith's* Horse)
taken

taken before Sir Thomas De Veil, Knt. one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, was read, and is in Substance as follows: The Informant Henry Simms, coming voluntarily before me, says, That on the Night between the 20th and 21st of December last, he, this Informant, William Gibbs, Richard Swift, William Cave-nagh, William Smith, otherwise Tom, otherwise Black Sam, and Samuel Baker, otherwise Killy Baker, after several Consultations had at the House of the said Richard Swift, in Old Street, and at other Places, they agreed to rob the House of the said William Smith, situate near the Newbathen Prison, in the Borough of Southwark; and for that Purpose, on the 20th of December, about 11 at Night, they all met under the Piazza at St. Margaret's Hill, and Black Sam brought with him a Ladder they call a Jacob, which cloths up together in Grooves, and when untied, is not bigger than a Constable's Staff, which Ladder, they put up to the Balcony of the said Smith's House; and William Cave-nagh got upon the said Ladder, and went up into the said Balcony; but finding the Window-Shutters up One-pair of stairs fast, he raised the Ladder to the second Story, and got into the Room up Two-pair of stairs, by raising up the Sash of the said Window; that after the said Cave-nagh had been some Time in the said House, he opened the Street-Door, and let in his Accomplices,

who carried off the Goods, consisting of divers Sorts of Linens and Cambricks; and of the Money they got in the said Mr. Smith's House, they shared 1287. under a Lamp on London-Bridge, and then they all separated, and went to their several Lodgings, Swift carrying away one Bag, and Black Sam another. This Informant further says and believes, that the Persons mentioned in the Information, returned to Mr. Smith's House, and carried off more Goods, but he did not go with them, or was he at all in the said House, only was pleased to give a sharp Look-out to prevent their being disturbed, &c. This is the principal Part of the Information of Simms made before Sir Thomas De Veil, the Original of which was produced in Court by Mr. Joshua Brogden, Sir Thomas's Clerk.

Court. Is nothing in this Information true, Simms?

Simms. Not a Word of it. I have perjur'd myself. I did it to save my own Life.

Then Mr. Brogden was call'd, and prov'd Simms's Hand-writing, and deposted that the Information before Sir Thomas was voluntary; that he was sober and in his Senses, and gave Instructions for drawing up the Paper which then appeared before the Court; that it was read over to him before he signed it, and he declared all contained therein was Matter of Fact, and nothing but the naked Truth.

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The Court observed, that such a flagrant Piece of Villainy had seldom or ever been heard of ; — that it was plain Mr. Smith had been robb'd, but *Simms* contradicting himself in the manner he had done, it was certain some Influence or other had been used, &c.

Council for the Prosecutor. My Lord, since this Man has retracted all he had before sworn, we can go no further with his Testimony ; but here are two undeniable Witnesses, who we shall produce to your Lordship, who saw the Prisoners *Cavenagh*, *Swift*, and *Gibbs* lurking about Mr. *Smith's* Door the Night this Robbery was committed.

Maria Caldecutt. I keep a Stall near Mr. *Smith's* House, and going home between 11 and 12 o'Clock at Night, along with my Girl, who had a Candle in her Hand, I saw a tall Man and a short Man talking together near the Prosecutor's House, and I had a full View of them by the Candle. I am sure that *Swift* and *Cavenagh* are the two Men ; and *Gibbs*, the other Man I saw at some Distance ; — he had a Mole on his Face, and I am pretty sure he is the very Person now at the Bar.

Gibbs. I never had a Mole on my Face in all my Life. Pray look at my Face, can you see any Mole upon it.

Cavenagh. This Woman was brought into the Gaol this Morning to look at me. I never saw her before in my Life.

Swift. Pray Woman, what Cloaths had I on, if you saw me so plainly ?

Caldecutt. A brown Coat, the same you have now, or something like it.

Swift. I can prove where I borrowed this Coat I have now on. A Person in Court, who is to be a Witness for me lent me this Coat, for being sick and out of Business my Wife was obliged to pawn my Coat.

Caldecutt. I am sure you are one of the Persons. I saw you peep thro' the Key-Hole of Mr. *Smith's* Door, and thought you had been his Journeyman, and was lock'd out, and that you had look'd to see if there was any Light in the House. The next Morning when I heard the House was robb'd, I directly told to some of the Neighbours, that I was sure that the Persons I saw the over Night were the same that had done the Robbery.

Sarah Pym (Mrs. *Caldecutt's* Apprentice Girl) agreed with her Mistress, and said she was very positive to *Swift* and *Cavenagh*, but could not swear to *Gibbs*. — She saw them plainly, and had seen them in the Goal (the Morning before they were try'd) and is convinced they are the very Men.

These last two Witnesses were very much cross-examined by the Prisoners Council, but they gave satisfactory Answers to every Question proposed to them.

The Prisoners did not enter on their Defence ; for as *Simms* had deny'd his Information to be true, my

Lord

Lord directed the Jury to acquit all the Prisoners; but at the same Time observed that they were very dangerous Persons.

Simms was ordered into the Custody of the Keeper of the New Gaol, and will be prosecuted for wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Samuel Chetile, of *Southwark*, Tallow Chandler, was indicted on two Indictments; the one for buying sixty Pound Weight of Sheeps-Fat, knowing it to be stolen, the Property of *Jahn Messenger*; and the other for receiving sixty Pound Weight of Sheeps-Fat, the Property of Persons unknown.

This Prosecution is grounded on an Act of Parliament, made in the 5th Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, which says, that if any Person be an Accessary to a Felony, and the Principal not convicted, the Court where such Accessary is convicted, shall have Power to punish the Offender by Fine, Imprisonment, or other corporal Punishment, as they shall think fit. After the Council for the Prosecution had open'd the Indictment to the Court and the Jury, they call'd their Witnesses.

Ann Bourke. I am the unhappy Widow of *Patrick Bourke*, who was executed last *December* at *Tyburn*, for killing Sheep and stealing their Fat. About a Month before my Husband was taken up, he and I went to an Alehouse in the Borough, opposite to where *Mr. Chetile* lives. My Husband was with me, and we came that

Morning from our House in *Tyburn-Road*; ——— he had a long Bag, near Six Foot long with him, in which was Sheeps Fat, and this Fat the Prisoner bought; ——— Before we came from home, I saw my Husband clean the Fat, and take the Guts from it; and he had more Fat at that Time than he could carry at one Burthen. ——— After we came to the *Blue Maid* Alehouse, we drank two Pints of Beer, and after tarrying there near an Hour, my Husband went over to the Prisoner's Shop, with his Bag of Fat — He tarried there longer than I expected, so I went over from the Alehouse to see what was the Matter. — I did not go into the Prisoner's Shop, but I saw my Husband there, and the Prisoner walking about in a black Velvet Cap, paying my Husband some Money. When my Husband came out, he had a Guinea in Gold, and 4 s. in Silver, and I am sure when he went into the Shop, he had not one Farthing.

Whilst my Husband was in *Newgate*, I carried a Letter from him to the Prisoner; — I knew not the Contents of it; — I did not see the Prisoner, but I gave it to one of his Servants that was in the Shop.

She was ask'd, If she knew how her Husband came by the Fat. She said, she could not tell.

John Lilly. Soon after the Prisoner was committed to the County Gaol, I went to see him. The Reason was, that I had some Sheep kill'd

kill'd at my Farm-Grounds at *Dutwich*, and hearing that he was sent to Prison for buying Sheeps-Fat, I went to ask him if he had bought any Fat about the Time my Sheep were kill'd. He said, he had bought some Fat, but did not know it belonged to me.

John Messenger. I rent a Farm near *Kensington* Gravel-Pits, in *Middlesex*. One Night 15 of my Ewes had their Throats cut, their Fat was taken away, and 27 Lambs were lying on the Ground. Th's Fat, *Bourke*, and one *Ellis*, who have been executed, stole, and sold it to the Prisoner, as *Bourke* confess'd. *Bourke* was a Vagabond *Irish* Fellow, and I should have suspected, if he had brought any Fat to sell to me, that it was not honestly come by.

John Smith. I am a Butcher and Salefman, when Butchers send Mutton Fat to sell, it is always carried clean and free from Guts; for whilst the Skins are warm the Guts come away very well. If Guts or Kidneys are found in Fat that is offered to sale, it is not honestly come by.

Thomas Biffenden said much to the same Purpose.

The Prisoner in his Defence call'd Mrs. *Suannah Everard*, who depos'd, That before the Prisoner took this Shop, her Nephew, *John Wooding*, kept the same, but he dying about last Christmas was Twelve-month, the Prisoner purchas'd all the Stock, and Utensils in Trade, and carried on the Business of a Tallow-

Chandler; — During the Time her Nephew lived in the Shop, he bought Fat a great many Times of *Bourke*, and paid him the Market Price, and never suspected it was stolen, or heard any Complaint; — that she accidentally seeing this *Bourke* go by the Shop-Door, after the Death of her Nephew, and since the Prisoner has kept the Shop, and ask'd him, why he did not bring his Fat to sell as in her Nephew's Time, for that the Prisoner was an honest young Man, and would pay a good Price for it; — *Bourke* promised he would, and did bring some Fat afterwards, which the Prisoner bought, and gave him the Market Price, without bating above Two-pence or Three Half-pence in a Stone; — the Fat was always bought in the Day Time, and in the open Shop; — and she is sure that if the Prisoner had known it had been dishonestly come by, he would not have bought it on any Account; — but *Bourke* said that he collected it from several People, in the Country. — I never was concerned in the Shop or Business with the Prisoner; — he only hires occasional Servants. — I never knew *Bourke's* Name; but it was the same Man, that I saw before Sir *Thomas De Veil*.

Ann Wooding. (Mother to Mr. *Wooding* who kept the Shop before the Prisoner took it) gave much the same Account as Mrs. *Everard* has done.

James Barnes, also a Servant to the

The Prisoner, said, that he had known his Master buy at several Times Sheeps Fat of *Bourke*, but he never suspected it was stolen. *Bourke* seldom brought above 28 or 30 Pound Weight at the most, and he had the fair Market Price for it.

Richard Burgess, also a Servant to the Prisoner, depos'd, That the Fat which was bought by his Master was in the Day-Time, and in open Shop; — that his Master had no more allowed him than Three Half-pence, or Two-pence in a Stone, and always paid ready-Money. — The Woman *Ann Bourke*, brought a Letter one Day to the Shop, and his Master not being in the Way, he received the Letter, and delivered it to his Master, but knew not what it related to. Before he came to work for the Prisoner he has often taken Kidneys out of Sheeps Fat, occasioned by the Carelessness of the Butchers.

A Person, who had followed the Business of a Tallow-Chandler 30 Years, depos'd, that he had bought Fat with Kidneys and Guts in it, and notwithstanding the greatest Care, it will sometimes happen so; — that there is generally allow'd Two-pence, or sometimes more in a Stone, to the Buyer, then they have at Market; — He should not care to buy Fat of Persons he did not know. — He believed the Prisoner is an honest Man.

As to the Prisoner's general Character, he call'd several Witnesses. *Capt. John Thompson* said, he had paid out 200 L. for him, and he always

found him honest and trusty; and did not believe that he would buy stolen Goods.

Mr. Cooke, *Mr. John Brown*, *Mr. Underwood*, and *Mr. Wakelyn*, who were the Prisoner's Neighbours, and live in the Borough, gave him a very good Character, and said they believed he would not be guilty of buying stolen Goods. The Jury acquitted him.

Edward Huntingford, was indicted for feloniously stealing two Guineas in Gold, in the Dwelling-House of *Peter Copeland*, Esq; in the Parish of *St. Saviours Southwark*, on the 14th of November last.

Mr. Copeland depos'd, That the Prisoner was his Footman, and suspecting him, he caus'd some Money in his Bureau to be mark'd; and his Occasions calling him to *Tunbridge*, on his Return he miss'd three Guineas. The Prisoner was challeng'd, and confess'd his taking Money several Times, for he had got a Key made to open his Master's Bureau, which was found upon him.

Mr. Bunch prov'd, that the two Guineas then produced in Court, one of which was found on the Prisoner, and the other at a Chandler's Shop in the Neighbourhood, where he had chang'd it (tho' he at first pretended he chang'd it at *Leadenhall*) was the same Guineas that he mark'd by his Master's Order; — that he knew them by a scratch on the Nose.

The Prisoner said nothing in his Defence. Guilty, 39 s.

Mary

Mary Lawrence was indicted for stealing a parcel of Linnen in the Dwelling House of *William Waridall*, in the Parish of *Christ-Church*. The Prosecutor keeps a Brandy-Shop near the *Old-Barge-House*, and the Prisoner was his Servant, but the Licence for retailing Spirituous Liquors was in her Name, and she pass'd for Mistress of the House. It appearing the Prosecution was malicious, she was acquitted.

John Thomson was indicted for assaulting *Sarah Mason*, with an Intent to commit a Rape. The Evidence not being sufficient, he was acquitted.

William Highfield of *Lambeth*, Victualler, was indicted for committing a Rape on his Servant Girl; but it appearing that she had not the best of Characters; and had told Mr. *Stracey* several Stories relating to her Master, he was acquitted.

William Carpenter was indicted for assaulting *Mary Russell*, with an Intent to commit a Rape; the Jury acquitted him.

Ann Wooley, late of *Camberwell*, was indicted for the Murder of her Female Bastard Child, which was found in a Privy; but there appearing several Circumstances in her Favour, she was acquitted.

Anne Deal, of *St. John's Southwark*, was indicted for stealing three Guineas in the House of *John Eason*, Aug. 4. The Prisoner nurs'd Mrs. *Eason's* Child, and took an Opportunity, whilst she was gone to Market, to steal the Money. *William Brack-*

man, the Constable, and *Joseph Jennings*, said, they heard the Prisoner confess it. *Guilty of Felony.*

William Sanfon, *Richard Mills*, and *Walter Stoakes*, were indicted for stealing Seven Fathom of Rope, and a Wooden Boom, value 5 s. the Property of *Thomas Maybank* of *Baen Elms*. *Acquitted.*

John Burgels, was indicted for stealing 52 Ells of Dowlas Linnen from the *Portsmouth* Waggon, on *Coomb-Park - Hill*. The Linnen was pack'd up at Mr. *Grisdale's* on *Ludgate-Hill*, to go to *Portsmouth*, and put into the Waggon. The Prisoner, who is a Boy, asked the Waggoner to let him ride in the Waggon, and in the mean Time he stole the Linnen, Mr. *King*, a Shopkeeper at *Kingston upon Thames*, said the Prisoner offered him the Linnen to sell, and said he belonged to a Privateer, and that he got it on the Coast of *Barbary*. He suspected it was stolen, stopp'd him, and carried him before the Bailiffs of *Kingston*, who committed him to Prison. The Jury found him *Guilty of Felony.*

Thomas Brown was indicted for stealing nine Rabets, the Property of *George Pam* of *Lingfield*. *Guilty.*

John Hood, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, were indicted for stealing in the Warehouse of *John Kendrick*, Pewterer in *Rotherhithe*, 14 Dozen of new Pewter Plates, and some Brass Moulds for casting Pewter, to the Value of 30 l. The Fact was plainly prov'd upon *John Hood*, and he was found *Guilty of Felony*; but his Wife

was acquitted, as acting under the Direction of her Husband. — *Elizabeth Green* was indicted for receiving Part of these Goods, and acquitted.

Joseph Sutton, was indicted for stealing four Hens, value 4s. the Property of *Perceval Lewis* of Putney, Esq; No Prosecutor appearing he was acquitted.

Richard Wright, was indicted for stealing 200lb Wt. of Lead, the Property of *Thomas Dixon*. The Lead was taken off an Out-house belonging to Mr. *Dixon* in *Griffith's-Rents*, *Barnumsey-Street*, *Southwark*, and found upon the Prisoner in *Long-Lane*, by one *King*, a Watchman. Guilty of Felony.

Thomas Ledger was indicted for breaking and entering the Dwelling-House of *Sturmer Tucker*, at *Walton-upon-Thames*, Earner, and stealing a Silver Watch, three Silver Spoons, and other Things. The Prisoner had been Servant to the Prosecutor, and broke open his House, and stole the Goods; the Prosecutor was sure *Ledger* did it, because there was an Apple-Pye hood in the Kitchen, which was cut Left-Handed, and the Prisoner uses his Left Hand mostly. *Mr. Bryant*, a Watch-

maker at *Windsor*, proved that he bought the Watch of the Prisoner. Mr. *Bryant*, the Constable, let the Prisoner go to the Necessary-House, and the Tea-Spoons were found in it. Guilty of the Felony, Acquitted of the Burglary.

Eleanor Anderton and *Mary Corbett* were indicted for stealing three Silver Spoons in the House of *Rebecca Wood*. Both Guilty.

Richard Anslough was indicted for stealing two Pewter Plates in the House of *Richard Woodward*. The Jury found him Guilty.

Elizabeth Hammond and *Elizabeth Nisbett*, were indicted for stealing one Silver Spoon, the Property of *Richard Grey*. Both Acquitted.

The Trials being ended, the Court proceeded to give Judgment as follows:

Transportation for 7 Years, 7.

Edward Huntingford. *Ann Deal*. *John Burgess*. *Richard Wright*. *Thomas Ledger*. *Eleanor Anderton*. *John Hood*.

Branded 1. *Mary Corbet*.

Whipp'd 2.

Richard Anslough, *Thomas Brown*.

The LIFE, &c. of HENRY SIMMS, alias Young Gentleman Harry.

THE Behaviour of this youthfull Adept in Roguery, has been so very extraordinary, in the Affair of making himself an Evidence, and behaving with the greatest Audacity before the Court, when he gave his Testimony, that it can be no displeasing Sub-

ject to our Readers to give some Account of him. English History cannot produce such another young Villain; First, to make an Information, swear to it in the most solemn Manner, give the Prosecutor all the Hopes in the World to believe he should convict the Robbers who had so greatly injured him in his Property; and

and when this Matter came to a Trial, in a solemn Manner, before a Court of Justice, and a most upright and worthy Judge, to retract, and deny all that he had sworn. The Court which was greatly crowded on this Occasion was shock'd at the Villain's Declaration; but yet so unconcerned did he stand, leaning on the Bar, that when my Lord asked him, if no Part of the Information was true, he answered, smiling, **NOT A WORD ON'T.**

As to the Birth of this extraordinary Fellow, his Parentage was not very mean; his Grandfather was a Man of some Fortune, but his Father was a Tradesman, and his Son was brought up to the Business of Leather-Breeches-Maker; but on the Death of his Grandfather, who left him some Money, he relinquish'd his Business, and spent all he had in the most extravagant and idle Manner, amongst the worst of Company, especially Women of the Town, who sooner or later, seldom fail of bringing silly and unguarded Men to utter Destruction.

Whilst this Fellow was debauching and rioting among Women of the Town, and Wretches like himself, who have no visible Way of Livelihood, he went very genteel, and being a personable young Man, they gave him the Name of Young Gentleman Harry, a Title which had been formerly bestowed by the Town Ladies, on one Henry Moythen, who had spent a good Estate amongst them, and at last became so wicked and dangerous a Fellow, that his Name was dreaded; and thus he continued acting as a Solicitor and Perry-fogger, and perplexing every Body whom he had in his Power, till one Hodges, a Distiller, stab'd him to the Heart about two Years ago, at the Sun-Ale-house in Russell-street Covent-Garden, and thus ended the Life of one of the most dangerous Villains that has pester'd the Town many Years. This Murderer of Moythen seems, is now in Town, and appears publicly; but the Deceased was so universally loved and despi'd, that no Notice was taken of the Murder, nor so much as a Prosecution thought of, every one being glad that the World was rid of such a Villain.

However greatly Moythen might excel in Villainy, Simms not only succeeds in Tide, but in Vice likewise. He is certainly, considering his Age, which is not 22 Years, one of the most reprobate, inhuman and abandon'd Creatures that Nature ever form'd. His Genius and Inclination despise every Thing that is good. In speaking ten Words, eight of them are either Oaths, or obscene Language; and such new-coin'd vile Expressions he makes use

of, as are seldom to be heard amongst the most profligate of Mankind. If he is talking on any Subject amongst his Companions, and they disbelieve him, he binds it by damming his Liver, Lights, Heart-Fat, Breast-Bone, Middle-Rib and Chuck, and all his odd Joints; and all this in one Breath. A Gentleman, who saw him in the Pound at Croydon amongst the Prisoners, told him he would come to be hang'd before Christmas; on whom he belch'd forth such a Volley of Oaths, that even frighted the very Felons his Comrades.

All the Conquest that this young Adventurer has made among the Fair Sex, are only gaining the Esteem (if we may be allow'd the Expression) of two batter'd old Procurers or better understood by the Name of Bawds, one living in Ayliffe-Street Goodmans-Fields, and the other in Charles-Court in the Strand, who keep Houses to entertain lewd People of all Sorts. The Case of these Ladies is very extraordinary. They are both so greatly enamour'd with this Fellow, that they have often come to blows. The Husband of the Charles-Court Lady has been sent to Newgate, and try'd him for a Robbery last January Sessions, not only for stealing a Gold Repeating Watch, and several other Goods, but also for running away with his Wife, who it seems is a far more valuable Commodity, than all the Jewels her Husband stole. His Ayliffe-Street Madam was a Widow for the poor Colour, from a Promise he made her that if he should be delivered from the Gall Calmmy he then stood under, he would renounce all the Cuck in the Workhouse. This Girl (as he call'd her) was near 60 Years old. She took a great deal of Pain for him, and bur'd a heartily (as they say) by those sort of People for Swearing) to contradict whatever Procurers's Whistles had given in evidence, on which he was acquitted, and the Court order'd him to be discharged out of Newgate. As he went up the Old Bailey, his ancient Madam very wistfully look'd after him, crying, Harry, Harry, where are you going, my Dear? His Reply was, D—n your Eyes, ye old B—, what is that to you. And thus he went off without speaking another Word to her, notwithstanding she had just before, with the Assistance of her Maid, sav'd his Life. This Behaviour of his threw the poor Love-sick Lady into such violent Agonies, that she kept her Bed for near a Month afterwards, and is now in the Country for the Benefit of the Air to perfect her Recovery.

Harry had not been long out of Newgate, before he began to play his old Pranks. The Smart Smart

Smart Money he got of his Charles-Court Friend, serv'd him for an immediate Supply, till he could raise Contributions on the Publick. He began to domineer and hector at all the Bawdy Houses; and at any Time, if the Sparks were quarrelling with their Misses for perhaps being too free with their Pockets, all was hush and quiet by telling them, that there was Gentleman Harry coming with his Hanger. The Rogue was so very mischevious, that he did not regard where he cut any Person, and even without the least Provocation; but after he was committed to the Gatchouse, as an Evidence against his Accomplices, a Thief of his Acquaintance, as desperate as himself, came to see him, and they quarrelling, the Rogue drew his Hanger, and almost chopt off Harry's Arms, so that he has been in great Danger of losing it, and it was in a Sling when he came before the Court to give his Evidence.

When he first made himself an Evidence, he impeached one William Bailey for robbing the Duke of B---n's Stables, but he was acquitted at the Old Bailey, and discharg'd.---In his Information he also swore that himself and one Eagle robb'd the Collector of the Land-Tax belonging to Shrewsbury of three hundred Pounds, and upwards, and that two Men were hang'd wrongfully for it.---This is a very great Falshood, for the Men that were executed for that Fact, confess'd their Guilt at the Gallows, and owned that they had buried the Money under Ground, where it was soon afterwards found.

About two Months ago Simms was committed to New-Prison for assaulting a young Woman, and running a Crab-Tree Stick thro' her Cheek so that she was in great Danger of her Life, and he broke out of this Gaol, but was retaken by one of the Keeper's Sons, and brought to Gaol without a Shirt, being seiz'd in Bed naked with a Man's Wife, and her two Daughters. It was about this Time that he made his Information against the Persons for robbing Mr. Smith, which Robbery has made a great deal of Noise, and the Publick are still in the Dark, as to forming any Judgment who were the Robbers. That Mr. Smith was robb'd, and in the Manner that has been sworn on the Trial, is certain. Not one single Person in Court who heard the Depositions of Mrs.

Smith, her Son, and Maid-Servant, corroborated by the strong and material Testimony of Hunt, the Watchman, and Mrs. Caldecott and her Maid, doubted the Truth of what was sworn; tho' some People have been ill-natured enough to raise Conjectures greatly prejudicial to the interest of that injur'd Man, which is robbing him of his Reputation, which is as dear and valuable to every Tradesman as even Life itself.

The Court was so greatly dissatisfy'd with the Behaviour of Simms, that they thought no Punishment adequate to his Villanies; and it is very certain, that neither Tongue or Pen can express the many Rogueries the Miscreant has been guilty of. He has declared, since his Confinement, at the Time when he was in New-Prison, that he would swear twenty Persons Lives away to save himself, and release a Woman out of Trouble, who, he says, is in Gaol for Debt on his Account. It is well for the Publick, that this Fellow's Oath will never more have the least Regard paid to it. Who would believe a Man that had been guilty of so many bare-fac'd Perjuries?

Some Time ago he enlisted himself for a Soldier in Col. Stuart's Regiment of Foot, but deserted, and was taken up for Desertion. He was never punished for this Offence, because he made himself an Evidence before the military Gentlemen could apprehend him.

As to giving further Particulars of his Life we know of none that are worthy of Notice. His Accomplices and Acquaintance gave him such a Character as would not gain Credit from our Readers, if we should insert it.

The Court at Croydon committed him to the Custody of the Keeper of the County-Gaol for Surry, and ordered him to be safely kept, that he may be prosecuted for wilful and corrupt Perjury. This Prosecution will be laid in Middlesex, because the Perjury was committed before Sir Thomas De Veil, who is a Magistrate for that County; and therefore he will be removed from the New-Gaol in Southwark to Newgate, to take his Trial at the Sessions of Oyer and Terminer, which begins at the Old Bailey, for the City of London and County of Middlesex, on Wednesday the 24th of this Instant April.



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